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Location: 136 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, Calhoun County,  
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Significance: A representative late 19-century small commercial building  
with a cast-iron store front of interesting architectural  
character, partially altered.

Architectural information:

Exterior: Two-story, three-bay front, approximately 25 feet wide. Faces  
south.

First story: There are three bays, the central one being a recessed entrance  
and slightly narrower than the outer bays, which are display windows. The two  
outer cast-iron piers are double the width of the two inner ones; they are  
paneled, the panels containing ornaments at the top and bottom, and a pair of  
ornaments near mid-height. Each of the ornamental units contains two curled  
foliations (in sequence). Above each pier is a bracket, those over the double  
piers being double; between brackets are transom lights, divided by a wooden  
mullion in the center. The store windows are replacements and do not retain  
any divisions which the originals may have had. Above the brackets is a plain  
brick frieze formed by facing the iron (possibly steel) lintel. Above the  
frieze is a simple cornice of slight projection.

A low brickwork below the display windows and at the sides of the recessed  
entrance is of recent origin.

The name "Buffalo Eagle Iron Works" appears on the iron castings.

Second story: Three tall, narrow windows with low semi-elliptical heads are  
enriched by ornamental cast-iron hood moulds and sills; there are two  
ornamental corbels under each sill. The double-hung sash appear original;  
they have four lights over four lights, the central muntin being a colonette.  
The topmost lights are semi-elliptically arched and the small central spandrel  
is ornamented. Above the windows are the arcaded and corbeled brickwork.  
There was probably a cornice, which is now lost. The second-story wall is  
brick. There are interior shutters on the windows.

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